

MURDER OF WALTER JOHN BEDSER - PARRAMATTA - 2.12.80.

About 1.50pm on 2.12.80 a male person described as late 30's to early 40's, 5'10" - 6 ft., solid build, an Australian with medium length dark brown hair, wearing light coloured safari jacket style top and light coloured trousers (Circulated in W.M. 35) was seen by witnesses to leave the Antique Shop of W.J. BEDSER, 4 Darcy Street, Parramatta calling out, "Get an ambulance." This person then decamped west in Darcy Street towards Church Street.

- continued -

PAGE 2.

SYNOPSIS 80/171 ..... continued.

A short time later Walter John BEDSER, Born 3.9.33, single of [REDACTED] (not known) the owner/license holder of the antique shop was seen to come out of his shop with severe lacerations to his left arm and run into the greengrocer shop of Philip STEPHENS which is opposite his and then collapsed. Bedser was conveyed to the Parramatta District Hospital where he died as the result of stab wounds to the chest. He had a number of other wounds.

A knife believed to be the murder weapon was found in the shop. Inquiries revealed that a man answering the description of the person seen running from the shop purchased the sheath knife from Debbie Faye SMITH, a salesgirl at Toy World, which is in the same arcade as the deceased's premises for \$15 about 10am the same day. This shop is about 50 feet from deceased's premises.

A number of fingerprints have been developed in the premises and are being processed. A sister of the deceased attended the premises and at this stage nothing appears to have been stolen.

A post mortem will be carried out later to-day.

Inquiries suggest that the deceased had homosexual tendencies. On record at the C.I.U. is a report that he had been spoken to in 1977 in a park at Parramatta in the company of a man named [REDACTED] 148 of [REDACTED] 148 was interviewed by Muswellbrook Police at 10.30pm on 2 instant and it was ascertained that he had been at Muswellbrook all day.

Detective Sergeants McGregor, Smith, Detectives Trebley and McHugh.